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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: FOSTER ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/046,334  
FILED: October 26, 2001  
FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PATH  
BUILDING IN A COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK

EXAMINER: J.A. FOX  
ART UNIT: 2664  
CONF No: 2396

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed February 9, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6, 8-15, 18-30, 33-37 and 39-42. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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